

Three killed in Beirut clash

ERUT, April 10 (R). — Sporadic sniper fire echoed rough a Betrut suburb today after fighting in which ree civilians were killed, local residents said. They do two men and a woman died when rival gummen in achieve men and a woman died when river guinter in achieve districts clashed for weral hours last night with machine guns and grenades.

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Lebanese refugees to go

BEIRUT, Lebanon, April 10 (AP). — The Lebanese government announced plans today for massive repatriation of civilian refugees to Israeli-held south Lebanon beginning tomorrow. The move coincides with the first stage of a pertial Israeli pullback and mounting pressure on Premier Menachem Begin's government for a speedier withdrawal from the whole south Lebanon. President Hafez Assad of Syria reportedly vowed to "take measures to make occupation conditions unbearable for Israel in south Lebanon unless a total, not a partial, pullout is carried out quickly." Assad made his statement to a visiting group of Jordanian journalists over the weekend. He later held a four-hour meeting in Damascus with Palestinian guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat

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for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim today discussed with Egypt's Foreign Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Kamel the Jordanian plan to deal with Israeli occupation of Arab territories.

Mr. Ibrahim told reporters Jordan's plan "confronts Israeli expansionist schemes and aggression against Arab territori-

He said it covered military, economic and political aspects but declined to elaborate. Mr. Kamel said after the talks that Egypt would study the proposals. He also said that Egypt agreed in principle to attend an Arab summit conference after adequate preparations for it.

Earlier Mr. Ibrahim conveyed a message from King Hussein to Egypt's President Sadat. Mr. Ibrahim will visit Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania to deliver similar mes-

Royal Court Minister Amer Khammash arrived in Abu Dhabi today on the second stop of a Gulf swing with messages from King Hussein to the leaders of the area's states. Mr. Khammash flew in from

Muscat, where he delivered a message to Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said of Oman. He is expected to see United

Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan later today or tomorrow. Interior Minister Suleiman Arar left for Baghdad yester-

kidnap victim Dead Belgium found

WERP, April 10 (R). — in Charles-Victor Bracht, in Charles-Victor Belgian millionaire businein whose body was found village rubbish p near Antwerp, died of ries inflicted during his kid-sing nearly five weeks ago, public prosecutor said. ir. Julien Van Hoeylandt

a press conference an auy carried out on the Baron red he had died violently. body was in an advanced e of decomposition.

prosecutor would not The specify **bow** died but said the authorities believed he was killed while being seized from his car in an underground car park in Antwerp's commercial district on March 7.

The discovery of the 63-yearold baron's body followed a te-lephone call yesterday to his son, Theo, from one of the kidnappers who had contacted him more than three weeks ago to

World News Roundup...

Britain sells Scorpions to U.A.E.

ADON, April 9 (R). — Britain is to sell 170 Scorpion tanks and er equipment worth £50 million (\$95 million) to Dubai, Thaiand Honduras, the British Leyland company announced today. e than half the 80 kph tanks will go to Thailand, informed

Transkei breaks with Pretoria

TATA, Transkei, April 10 (R). - Transkei today broke off comatic relations with its only friend in the world -- South ica. The black homeland, which was proclaimed independent the Pretoria government in October 1976, made the break over w concerning land claims and citizenship rights.

aldheim to get Cyprus peace proposals summary POSIA, Cyprus, April 10 (AP). — Procedural manoeuvering iday dimmed hopes for a quick resumption of deadlocked talks the future of Cyprus. Professor Mumtaz Soysal, appointed by Turkish Cypriots in drafting se proposals, said the proposals will be submitted to the U.N. retary General Kurt Waldheim in Vienna next Thursday "only mmmary form."

Russian jailed for treason

SCOW, April 10 (R). — A Leningrad man has been sentenced 5 years in a labour camp for treason after being found guilty passing information to a foreign intelligence service, a court cial said today. Leonid Lubman, 41, was convicted at a Lenini trial which ended on March 10 after being accused of pasclassified information to an Italian woman, named only as rielli, who was studying Russian at a Leningrad institute.

Conspiracy against Cyprus said foiled

OSIA, March 10 (R). — The recent arrest of 18 people, inclug the man alleged to have masterminded the kidnapping of sident Spyros Kyprianou's son, has broken up a seditious conskey against the state, the government spokesman said today. ek Cypriot political leaders and foreign diplomats. All those ested over the last nine days have been remanded in custody il next Monday while police investigate charges of seditious spiracy against them.

Pakistan's elections 6-8 months away

WALPINDI, April 10 (R). — Pakistan's chief administrator. a Zia-nl-Haq has said elections could be held any time after ision of the nation's electoral rolls. In an interview published iterday he estimated the task would take six to eight months m now.

Economic summit announced for July

NN, West Germany, April 10 (AP). — The fourth economic nmit conference, bringing together leaders of the seven major n-Communist industrial powers, will be held here July 16-17, it



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan (centre) chats with Dr. Hashen Sabbagh, General Manager of the Amman Stock Exchange, during a visit to the Exchange premises on Monday. Looking on is Dr. Mohammad Said Nabulsi, Governor of the Central Bank of Jordan

Barre appears strong abortive

MOGADISHU, Somalia April 10 (AP). — The capital of this East African nation returned to normal today after an abortive attempt by rebel soldiers Sunday to topple the nine-yearold regime of Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre.

The tanks and armored personnel carriers used by troops loyal to Barre to crush the uprising disappeared from the streets. Shops and offices were open as normal and there were no signs of extra security precautions.

The position of Somalia's rulers appeared strengthened today by the failure of Yesterday's short-lived coup attempt.

The revolt, which diplomatic sources said was confined to a men based in camps west of sts)."

the Somali capital. over in a couple of hours. As tanks rumbled through the streets President Barre went on the radio to tell the nation the army had crushed an attempt to overthrow the The leaders were killed, cap-

tured or on the run.
The Somali leader did not say who he thought was behind the abortive coup, however, he said in his speech : "We have constantly been aware that (the forces of) colonialism, wh-

ich has many faces, both old and new, have all along wanted to stir up chaos in the country. "We know that they had their lackeys inside the country and that they were taking or-

Rhodesians reject Anglo-U.S. proposals

The interim government here today rejected Anglo-American proposals for a new all-party conference on Rhodesia but left the door open for further talks, a government statement anno-

The statement followed a meeting between British and American envoys with representatives of the interim government, formed here last mo-nth under the "initial settlement agreement" reached by Premier Ian Smith and three

moderate black leaders. The settlement has been denounced by the externally bas-

SALISBURY, April 10 (R) - ed Patriotic Front which has pledged to continue the guerr-illa war. Britain and the United States are trying to reconcile

An interim government statement issued after the talks with Mr. John Graham, of the British Foreign office, and Mr. Stephen Low, U.S. Ambassador to Zambia, said it believed the most important task was "to proceed with the full implementation of the Salisbury agreement signed on March 3. "It is therefore not in favour

of reopening negotiations through the proposed all-party con-

exchange JERUSALEM, April 10 (AP), Prime Minister Menachem Begin exchanged notes with

Waldheim,

U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim over the weekend, and an apparent dispute arose over how fast Israel will relinquish southern Lebanon to U.N. peacekeeping forces.
The Israeli cabinet met Sunday to discuss southern Lebanon amid a spate of Israeli newspaper criticism of the United Nations' handling of the Israeli-occupied zone.

Waldheim had written to demand immediate Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, and Begin messaged back a refusal to go beyond the twophase withdrawal scheduled to begin Tuesday contingent on the arrival of the rest of the 4,000-man U.N. force, so-

The newspaper Maariv reported from New York that Begin Castigated Waldheim, saying castigated Waldheim, saying that of five U.N. divisions due to take over southern Lebanon only two had arriv-

On eye of withdrawal from south Lebanon

Israelis seen digging strategic

BEIRUT, April 10 (R). — Israeli occupation forces appeared to be consolidating strategic positions in south Lebanon today, despite promises to begin a partial withdrawal tomorrow. A Reuters correspondent in the region reported new Israeli excavations, to protect men and armoured vehicles, around the southern port city of Tyre.

Correspondent Nazih Mustafa also saw Israeli troop concentrations around Marjeyoun and Khyam, the hilltop towns which dominate the eastern sector of the occupied zone.

Mustafa said there were exchanges of automatic weapons fire in both areas during the night. He said there were no signs of an imminent withdrawal from territory seized by Israeli troops during a massive invasion by air, land and sea last month.

The Israelis have pledged to begin a restricted pull-back in two stages tomorrow -- more than three weeks after the U.N. Security Council called for an immediate evacuation.
In the first stage, they were

due to withdraw from six villages and the Khardali bridge which spans the Litani river in the eastern sector of the occupied zone.

Marjeyoun and Khyam, however, as well as three other villages on a high ridge which afford commanding positions over the evacuated areas. On Friday, the Israelis are

to pull back from another bridge over the Litani -- which marks the limit of their advance - - and a few nearby villages in the central sector. There has been no indicati-

on of when they propose to abandon their positions in the west, a few kms. from where Palestinian guerrillas are entrenched around Tyre,
The Israeli plan followed a
recent appeal from U.N. Sec-

retary General Kurt Waldheim to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin for a speedy with-

It has been condemned by Lebanese and Palestinian leaders, while military analysts in Beirut described the planned pull-out as insignificant.

Lebanese Prime Minister Se-

lim Al Hoss accused Israel at They will continue to occupy the weekend of procrastination and evasion in an attempt to avoid a withdrawal from the shell-torn south-

Mr. Hoss said in a statement the Israeli plan was not what Lebanon wanted nor what the U.N. Security Council resolution had provided for.

This land is ours

"We demand total Israeli withdrawal from Lebanese ter-ritory," he said. "This land is ours, and we will accept nothing less than its total and speedy return to us.

Palestinian officials have repeatedly described the plan as a delaying tactic designed to prolong the Israeli occupation. The guerrilla leaders have pledged to cooperate with U.N. peacekeeping forces in

south for the time being. In Washington U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown said at the weekend that the United States had told Israel it must expedite its withdrawal southern Lebanon.

Mr. Brown would not say outright whether Israel withdrawing too slowly from the territory it invaded last month and denied that the United States was putting pressure on the Jewish state.

"We told them they must expedite their withdrawal," he said on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Face the Nation" programme.

He said the speed of the withdrawal was only one factor in U.S. judgment of the Israeli action.

"We will not judge Israeli actions solely on this basis, but it is an important factor," said. 'The important thing is that they be withdrawn. They are withdrawing, and so long as that goes on at a reasonable pace I have hopes that that particular programme can be set-

Disputed confession accepted as evidence in Esmail trial

TEL AVIV, April 10 (AP). -A panel of three judges accepted into evidence disputed consday. The court immediately began the trial of the 23-yearold American accused of membership in a terrorist organis-

Judge Dov Levin, president of the panel in Tel Aviv district court, took 15 minutes to read the decision, which said the protest of attorney Felicia Langer against Esmail's statement "lacks all basis," Was "vain and pointless" and "not acceptable.

Esmail, a graduate student at Michigan State University who is of Palestinian descent, remained in good spirits despite the setback to his case. He told a reporter conditions in prison weren't too bad.

"You have to get used to prison," he said. "They try to hassle you." Food and sanita-tion were "terrible," he said, adding he spoke to inmates in Arabic and English and was trying to learn Hebrew.

mail has been in Israeli jalis

since his arrest last Dec. 21, small rash on his arm. Esmail when he arrived en route to see his dying father, who lived in Ramaliah Oll West Bank. Mrs. Langer claimed Israeli

interrogators extracted a statement from Esmail by beating, kicking and humiliating him by refusing to allow him to rest, and by confusing him with a babble of three languages -- English, Arabic and He-

brew. ISRAEL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

> His interrogation resulted in a nine-page statement which Esmail signed. The Israeli prosecutors charged him with contact with a foreign agent and with being a member of an outlawed group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Pa-

lestine. During a break, Esmail at Mrs. Sirotta's urging, was ta-ken to the hospital to check a

told reporters his conditions in prison had improved since his "I am out of solitary confi-

nement and in a cell with other prisoners," he said. Tempers occasionally flared during the trial as Sirotta and

Langer clashed.
"That's no way to interrogate a witness, snapped Mrs. Sirotta when Langer tried to

sick holes in the confession.
Strotta called Fouad Zaru, headmaster of the Friends Boys School of Ramallah which is funded by Indiana Quakers, to testify about Esmail's 12 years as a student in the West Bank. Zaru said that Esmail was a

straight-A student in Arabic, refuting claims that he couldn't understand his Arabic-speaking interrogators. Sirotta also asked Zaru about another student who studied with Esmail, Riad Musa Khalil. Esmail's statement said he

went to Libya with Khalil, and testimony that Esmail and Khaill studied together could provide the corroboration necessary to convict Esmall.

analysis

Is Israeli security a law unto itself?

By Rami G. Khouri Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 10 - Now that the Israeli district court in Tel Aviv has accepted as evidence the alleged "confession" of Sami Esmail, the trial itself will get underway, and the question of Israel's right to conduct such a trial will come into increasingly sharp focus. While the Esmail case appears to be yet another simple matter of Israel putting on trial a Palestinian activist, the truth is that the case is very much larger than this, it has implications that far transcend Israel itself, and most of those implications have been overlooked to date.

Given the centrality to Israel of its "security" dictates, it becomes very difficult, in the international press or elsewhere, to raise many questions about what Israel does in pressing its security arrangements. But the arrest and trial of Sami Esmail seem to go so very far beyond the requirements of Israel's security that they threaten the very basis of international law.

The important thing about the Esmail case is that Israel has unilaterally taken it upon itself to arrest Esmail and charge him with crimes against

the state of Israel, while in fact he has not been charged with doing anything specific against Israel. The two charges against Sami Esmail are that he is a member of an organisation that Israel views as illegal, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and that he has maintained contacts with "enemy agents". Those agents are unnamed, though their identity wili presumably become known during the course of the trial. But it is worth looking into the mechanics and the Israeli rationale of the Esmail case in a bit more depth. Sami Esmail is a natural-

born American citizen, credentials which make him eligible to run for the presidency of the United States, a right which is not open to such other famous Americans as Henry Kissinger or Zbigniew Brzezinski, who are foreign-born, naturalised American citizens.

As an American, presumably according to American law, Esmail can belong to any organisation that does not advocate the violent overthrow of the American government. Yet he is now on trial in Israel, charged with crimes that are not considered crimes in the United States, and also charged with something -- being a member of the PFLP -- that was not done while Esmail was in Israel itself. To complicate matters, Esmail, a natural-born American, was arrested by the Israelis on the strength of information provided to Israel by the American Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The questions that should now be discussed by interested parties are the following: Does Israel have the right to arrest an American citizen and charge him with being a member of a group that Israel considers illegal, but that is not illegal in the United States, or anywhere else in the world, for that matter?

What is the legal validity of charging Esmail with simply being a member of the PFLP, as opposed to charging him with carrying out a specific destructive act, or even planning to carry out such an act?

What implications are there for the conduct of the FBI in tipping off Israel that Esmail allegedly received guerrilla training on a visit to Libya? is it proper for an agency of the United States government to give information to Israel about the actions of an American citizen that are perfectly in keeping with Ameri-

Does the FBL and other American agencies by implication, then become an extension of the Israeli intelligence services, providing information on American citizens for matters that are not a crime in the United States?

Can Israel then arrest anybody it designates as an enemy of Israel, simply on the streng-th of its own definition of what constitutes an illegal organisation? And if so, how then does this differ from the political trials that are so often criticised in the Soviet Union by Western and Israeli champions of human rights? The incompatibility of the Sami Esmail trial with the principles of Western and international justice are glaring, and they should be inspected a bit more closely by all, but particularly by those people who champion human rights and the supposed dem-

ocratic principles of Israel, This all neglects for the moment the validity of the "confession" that is the only corroborative evidence that is being introduced into court against Sami Esmail In fact, the confession is really three separate items.

First, there is a seven-page handwritten biographical statement in English in which Esmail describes himself and his background, and which includes no incriminating material,

addendum to this, written in English, in which the handwriting is considerably different from that in the first document. though both were written by Esmail himself. This addendum contains highly incriminating statements about his being in Libya to receive training and being a member of the PFLP, and it is more likely than not that this was written under extreme duress and pressure

(for one thing Esmail was not

allowed to see his dying father

in Ramallah until he signed

Second, there is a two-page

the confessions). And third, there is a one-or two-page document written in Hebrew and signed by Esmail, containing the same incriminating information as in the twopage addendum.

There is some doubt about why this third document in Hebrew even exists, and about the validity of the incriminating "confession", which Esmail and his lawyers say was extracted after extreme psychological and physical pressures verging on systematic .torture.

But the precedent in Israeli courts, when Palestinians or others accused of "security" offences are on trial, is that such dubious confessions are the only corroborative evidence

available to the prosecution, and more often than not this is the evidence that the court uses to pass a guilty judgeme-

But putting aside all the doubt about the confessions, the central fact that should raise most concern about this case is whether Israel even has the authority to conduct such a trial. What are the limits of the applicability of Israeli law? Are they defined only by Israel itself? What happens when they conflict with the legal traditions of other countries, such as the United States in this case? What are the corollary implications for the civil rights of American citizens when a tipoff from the FBI can send them to an Israeli prison?

The guilt or innocence of Sami Esmail will be very difficult to prove, because the charges against him are so vague and nebulous. What is really on trial in this case one suggests, is the extraterritorial aspects of Zionism's and Israel's security-consciousness. Can Israel do anything it wants to do in the name of its own security? Does it have its own intemational law, and the rest of the world has another? These are the questions that are on trial in the case of Sami Esma-

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We are all Sami Esmails

The decision by the Israeli court in Tel Aviv to accept into evidence the "confession" of Sami Esmail raises some disturbing questions about justice in Israel, and those people who should be most disturbed are those who say that they are the friends

Now that the confession of Sami Esmail has been accepted as evidence, the trial proper gets underway, and the larger questions of the legitimacy of the charges against Mr. Esmail will now have to be debated in public. Again, the implications are very serious indeed. It does not take a very deep understanding of the law to come up with some major doubts about the legality of the entire Esmail case. Here is a natural-born American citizen detained by Israel largely because of a tipoff from the American FBI, charged with the crime of belonging to an organisation that is illegal in Israel. Mr. Esmail is not charged with carrying out a specific criminal or destructive act against Israel, or even of planning any such act. The charges against him are that he is a member of an illegal group (the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) and that he maintained contact with "enemy agents", who, for all we know, could be anybody that Israel designates as an enemy agent. If such a case took place anywhere else besides Israel, we suspect that quite a fuss would be made about the illegality and immorality of the whole thing. What would happen, we wonder, if Syria arrested a British citizen upon a tipoff from Scotland Yard, and charged that person with being a member of the World Zionist Organisation, and thus of being an enemy of Syria and thus of having contacts with known enemy agents of Syria? What would happen, of course, is that the entire world would raise its indignant voice and beat its offended moralistic chest. But why does the world stand so meek and unquestioning when Israel takes the principles of individual liberty and international law and calmly throws them out the window?

Sami Esmail is simply a political prisoner charged with having beliefs that Israel does not like. As such. he reflects the beliefs of every Palestinian man, woman and child, and, in his Israeli jail, he stands as the symbol of Israeli madness. He is not on trial because he has done anything to harm Israel; he is on trial because he is a Palestinian, and that, in Zionist eyes, is a crime.

All those people who wake up in the morning thinking of human rights had better wake up to the fact that the human rights of the entire world will mean nothing if the human rights of Sami Esmail are not safeguarded in the face of Zionism's insatiable destructiveness.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian newspapers Monday gave prominence to King Hussein's messages which are being delivered to Arab leaders by four emissaries.

AL RA'I says that the Arab World, divided on itself as it is now, can only face the serious challenge posed by the Israeli aggressions through concerted effort and true intentions to restore Arab solidarity on a sound and firm basis which can withstand "surprises" and Israeli raids, no matter how big. Hence the Jordan's emissaries mission to Arab capitals is of great and mom-

The newspaper points out that Jordan's increasing concern with building up a unified Arab stand before it is too late stems from its deep understanding of Israel's aggressive intentions and its desire to impose a fait accompli on all the Arabs.

AL DUSTOUR says that Jordan's present actions should be seen as a serious effort at persuasion armed at convening an Arab summit. A summit, it adds, is not an end but a means to debate future issues and draw up a unified stand capable of confronting Israel's plan for expansion. A summit does not entail changing the political ideologies or social or economic creeds of the various Arab regimes. Nor does it mean passing judgement on any previous political practices such as President Sadat's initiative or the opposition to it, the newspaper explains.

In another commentary in AL RA'I Jum'a Hammad is of the opinion that Arabs should talk and consult with each other, lest the Arab World fall into a state of dismemberment with the result that Egypt, for instance, is isolated from the fold ...

The writer stresses that security is the top priority. It is essential that the security of all the Arabs from the Atlantic to the Gulf be defended against Israeli threats which are hanging "over the northern Arab peninsula and pose a perilous worry for Libya, Iraq via the Gulf and to the Red Sea area as a whole."

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Located in the heart of the old souk in Aleppo, the Poche residence is 440

Text by Pat McDonnell Photos by Abdullah Hadjar Special to the Jordan Times

Aleppo - Arabs may smile in amusement when Americaas apply the adjective "old" to Victorian dwellings, but even by Syrian standards the Aleppo home of Dr. Adolf Poche is ancient.

Located on the second floor of the Khan Nahaseen (Copper Caravanserai) in the heart of the Old City's souk, the Poche residence is the oldest continually inhabited house in

Aleppo.
When Dr. Poche's great-grandfather took up residence in the house in the late 18th century, it already was more than 250 years old,

From the beginning of the 13th century, Aleppo had been the crossroads of trade routes. By the 16th century, more than 40 nations and trading companies had established headquarters there to represent their interests. In addition to the British East India Co., the Netherlands, Portugal, France, Spain and Venice had consulates in Aleppo. The consuls we-re more than diplomats, they also negotiated commercial transactions for produce transported by camel caravan to the city.

As such, it was necessary

for the consuls to live in well protected dwellings. Hence, the caravanserai or khan -- a large open area enclosed by walls with one narrow door permitting up to 200 camels to enter one-by-one. Here, traders could expose their wares for a few days while living upstairs in the consular residen-

In 1539 the Venetians constructed a khan to accommodate their trading expeditions and to house their consul. The date is documented by numerals inscribed on the wall of an upstairs room.

· Dr. Poche's grandfather was an Austrian who came to Syria during the Napoleonic Wars, but he looks all the world like an Ottoman nobleman in a portrait painted in 1809. Dr. Poche explains that until 1820 the Turks regarded Aleppo as a sacred city because of its strategic position on the road to Mecca. This is indicated by the name, Sham Sherif, which Turks conferred on Aleppo,

Even though he was the director of an Austrian trading company, Dr. Poche's grandfather was obliged to dress as a Moslem in order to enter the holy city.

Ten years after he arrived in Aleppo, Poche married -his bride was the daughter of the last Venetian consul to serve in Aleppo. Three decades earlier, the mother of that long-ago bride had been immortalised for future generations in a portrait painted in the same salon where it hangs today. A mandolin in the foreground of the 1790 painting is displayed today on a nearby

Dr. Poche's father maintained a lifelong residence in the Khan Nahaseen from which he operated family trading and agricultural interests. He was recognised in scholarly circles for his articles and books on early Christian -- 3rd to 7th century -- cities of the San Simeon Mountain area. It was in this context that he entertained the Marquis Jean Melchoir

de Vogue in 1862.

The youngest child in a family of five girls and two boys, Dr. Poche was born in Khan Nahaseen in June 1895. A tall courtly man who speaks five languages fluently, Dr. Poche is emotionally and legally (since 1953) a Syrian.

He was a medical student in Vienna when World War I began. He served as an officer in the Austro-Hungarian Army and subsequently filed for citi-zenship in Czechoslovakia. Upon receiving his medical degree from St. George French University in Beirut, he practiced pediatrics in Aleppo until his retirement in 1965. In 1925 he was the first physician in Aleppo to utilise the newfangled X-ray machine

In addition to his active medical practice and diplomatic posts in Aleppo as Austrian consul in 1938 and Belgian co-



Icon of Saint Susanna painted and signed in 1772 by Georges, son of Hanania of the Melekite School of Aleppo. (Photos by Abduliah

nsul in 1939, Dr. Poche pursued his interests in the history of Aleppo and the archaeology of all Syria.

This interest is reflected in

every square inch of Khan Nahaseen which he has kept as much intact as time, earthquakes and weather permit. Built in the traditional 16th century Venetian style of sm-all rooms opening off a central hallway, the 16-room residence remains unaltered in all but two of its rooms. The kitchen was remodeled in 1900 and "modern" plumbing was installed in the master bathroom in 1920. The house was

wired for electricity in 1928. During the 1930s Franz Cumont, the Belgian excavator of Dura Europos, and archaeologist Max Oppenheim often took respite from their historic digs in Khan Nahaseen.

No doubt celebrated guests such as King Albert of Belgium and Pope John XXIII took the same pleasure visit-ors do today in viewing the unique living museum filled with European and oriental works of art.

China cabinets contain collections of Meissen porcelain, hand-painted 18th century Viennese crystal stemware, Bohemian crystal and ceramics of the Ming dynasty.

A massive Thomas Gardner "grandfather's" floor clock bears the date of 1687. Numerous chests are identified as 16th - 18th century Venetian, although one is of Genoese origin, another is of cedar carved in Damascus, and another is of inlaid ivory producdynasty.

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Draft law for civil service envisages more decentralisation

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). — Minister of Education and Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Abdul Salam Al Majali today presided over a seminar held by the Higher Ministerial Committee to review a draft law for the civil ew a draft law for the civil service and another for the ci-

vil service board. Dr. Majali said during this seminar, at the University of Jordan, the first of its kind to be held in Jordan, that appointment to the civil service board will be according to qualification, and incentives, such as promotion and allowances, will depend on the employees pass-

Dr. Adolf Poche, 82, in the li-

brary of his home. Some volu-

mes are original 17th century

Palmyra, prehistoric terracotta

figurines of unknown proveni-

ence, and Islamic wares and

weights from Raqaa are too

the hallway to admire two 2nd century A.D. Roman mos-

aics, "Egyptos" and "Ponnon-ia", from Zeugma on the up-

Two objects under lock and

key are a 3rd century silver

chalice that bears an uncanny

resemblance to the famous Chalice of Antioch now hous-

ed in the New York Metro-

politan Museum and a 10th

century ceramic vase from

Aleppo history buffs favour

rare 18th century icon of

Saint Susanna painted and si-

gned in 1772 by Georges, son of Hanania, of the famous Melekite School of Aleppo.

The library contains some

of the oldest extant books on

Aleppo -- a few date to the

17th century, hundreds are

original 18th century volumes.

Dr. Poche's continued schol-

arly endeavors are signified

by new books interspersed

among rare editions. As no-

chaeological Society of Alep-

po since 1973, he contributes

one article a year on the histo-

ry of Aleppo to the society's

ter two long happy marriag-

es. His only child, Jenny Po-

and one girl who legally bear

their mother's family name.

As such, the courts have en-

titled them to someday take

residence in the Poche home. A visit to the Poche home

isn't complete without taking in the view afforded from the

roof terrace. One almost can

hear the strains of a ghostly

Venetian orchestra while lo-

oking over the balustrades to

the citadel, the Ommayad Mosque, the roofs of the souk

and the many minarets that

In Aleppo it's said that Dr.

Poche never refuses a request

to see his home. Interested persons are, however, asked to check with the Archaeolo-

gical Society at the Aleppo National Museum. Phone:

dot the skyline.

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Dr. Poche was widowed af-

norary president of the Ar-

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Visitors invariably stop in

bundant to enumerate.

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manuscripts about Aleppo.

ing a special training course.

The new law will regulate yearly increments and promotion for all categories of goverament employees, he added The new system will give

the Civil Service Commission effective supervision over all ministries and departments. It will also give ministers a greater deal of authority within their ministries previously held by the cabinet, while authority will also be passed down from ministers to their under-secretaries, the aim being to create greater decentralisation in government activities, Dr. Majali explained.

Prince Hassan invites UAE

crown prince to Jordan

ABU DHABI, April 10 (JNA). - Lt. General Sheikh Khalifeh Ibn Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Force of the United Arab Emirates, today received a message from His Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The message was delivered by Jordan ambassador in Abu Dhabi who said it contains a renewed invitation to Sheikh Khalifeh to visit Jordan. The sheikh has accepted and the time of the visit will be fixed later, the ambassador said.



Minister of Culture Fawwaz Sharaf (third from left) admires a painting by Ibrahim Najjar Abul Rub (second from left) at the opening of the exhibition of Mr. Abul Rub's work at the Goethe Institute Monday (JNA photo)

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibition

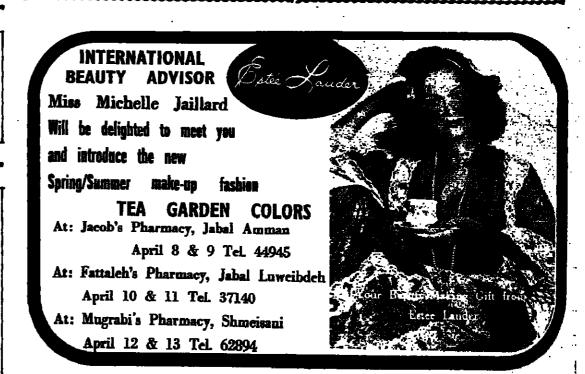
Paintings by Ibrahim Najjar Abul Rub are on display daily at the Goethe Institute till next Saturday.

The British Council is showing "Lord of the Flies," a film directed by Peter Brook, tonight at 6:00 and tomorrow at 6:30. Reserve free tickets before the performance

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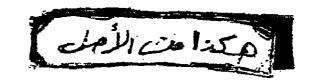
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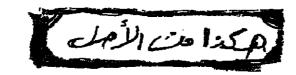
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PERSPECTIVE





mpiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

(Week of April 11 - April 17)

EXHIBITIONS

om the Spirit of My Country," an exhibition of photo-by Syrian photographer-graphic artist Mustafa Eibesh L. April 21, Mexidien Hotel.

ditional Folk Art of Bulgaria," carpets, silver, ceramics, thonal costumes from widely diverse regions of Bulgaria.

w daily except Tuesdays through April 18, Exhibition ational Museum of Damascus. Hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. collection of 43 oils by Syrian impressionistic painter Ali Al Shab Art Gallery through April 18. Hours: 9 a.m.-2

28 p.m. Saturday through Thursday.

DNESDAY, April 12 through April 20: "Educational or Children," German Democratic Republic Cultural

URSDAY, April 13: Photos depicting the influence of culture on Spain. Spanish Cultural Centre. Hours: 4-7

cultural centre. Hours: 4-7

ally except Fridays through April 19,

rURDAY, April 15: Opening of the new Urnina Art Galthe Meridien Hotel. After 17 years on Rue Mahdi Ben

artist and gallery proprietor Mahmoud Da'adoush is rethis gallery at the Meridien Hotel. The inaugural exhititled "The Masters and Their Students," will feature two ions of Syrian and Italian artists: Moudarres, Chura, Johnsh, Fontana, Montenerini, and Monachesi. Daily through

THEATRE

JRSDAY, April 13, and FRIDAY, April 14: The Richard
Mime Theatre. 8 p.m. Al Kabbani Theatre.

CONCERTS

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RSDAY, April 13: Russian violinist Alexander Klakov

LECTURES

DNESDAY, April 12: "International Day of Aerospace," Soviet Cultural Centre DNESDAY, April 12: "Stories and Drawings for Child-



Rasa Allen and Richard Morse ham It up in "Duet." The lea American mime trio will appear at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Al Kabbani Theatre, Damascus, during the second Middle East tour the group has made under sponsorship of the U.S. State

ren Aged 5-8 Years" by Denis Moranta. 4:30 p.m. French Cul-THURSDAY, April 13: "Courbet," a film and discussion about the French painter by Prof. Elias Zayat, Beaux Arts Fac-

ulty, 7:03 p.m. French Cultural Centre.

MONDAY, April 17: "Impressionism and Literature," by Prof. Louis Forestier of the Sorbonne. 7:30 p.m. French Culture

FILMS

FRIDAY, April 14: "In Between Strangers and Their Famiulty, 7,03 p.m. French Cultural Centre.
FRIDAY, April 14, 7 p.m. and SATURDAY, April 15, 8 p.m.:
"Mouchette," a film by R. Bresson. French Cultural Centre.
MONDAY, April 17: "Le Journal D'un Fou," a story of

Gogol by R. Goggio 8 p.m. French Cultural Centre.

Bank officials will go to Geneva

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). — Housing Bank Deputy Director Mr. Bassam Attari and Chief of Research and Studies at the Central Bank of Jordan Dr. Adnan Al Hindi, will represent Jordan at the businessmans conference for economic cooperation affairs beginning in Geneva on Wednesday.

Mohammad Dabbas to head delegation to Riyadh

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). -Minister of Finance Dr. Mohammad Dabbas will head the Jordanian delegation at the fourth annual meeting of the council of governors of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa due to begin in Riyadh on April 19.

Supply minister back from European trip

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA), -Minister of Supply Marwan Al returned here Sunday from a tour which took him to Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Yugoslavia to discuss possible contracting on

the purchase of commodities for the Civil Consumer Corporation. Mr. Al Qasim said contracts were drawn up with these countries for the purchase of basic supplies which are expected to arrive in Jordan within the next two months, A Yugoslav delegation is expected in Jordan next month to draw up a contract with the corporation for providing it with commodities for one ye-

Hassan Ibrahim will represent Jordan at Islamic meet

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). --Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim will lead the Jordanian delegation to the ninth Islamic Countries Foreign Ministers conference due to begin in Dakar, Senegal on April 24. The delegation, formed by a cabinet decision Sunday, includes Jordan's Non-Resident Ambassador to the Senegal Hani Tabbarah, Minister Plenipotentiary at the Fo-reign Ministry Wa'il Al Masri, Director of the Political Department Waleed Al Sa'd and representatives from the Waqfs Ministry and Royal Commission for Jerusalem Affairs.

Minister of public works in Cairo for road meet

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). A Jordanian delegation led by the Minister of Public Work, Sa'id Bino, left for Cairo Sunday to attend the meetings of the World Union for Roads, Mr. Bino said in a statement before departure that during the week-long meetings, the participants will discuss research connected with the planning of roads, bridges and tunnels.

Economic and **Business News**

Daily average of trading on stock exchange

reaches JD 25,000

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). — The average volume of trading at the Amman Stock Exchange has risen from JD 4,000 when the market first opened to JD 25,000 per day, Chairman of the stock exchange Dr. Hashem Sabbagh today told His Highness Crown Prince Hassan who was visiting the market. Prince Hassan was met by Governor of the Central Bank Mohammad Sai'd Nabulsi who briefed him on the operations of the stock

Cabinet approves 4.2m dinar loan from

AFESD for Agaba

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). - The cabinet Sunday approved a 4.2 million Kuwaiti dinars loan agreement with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development to help finance the Aqaba Water project, which is estimated to cost 15 million Kuwaiti dinars.

Jordan asks Iraq for transit rights for

Gaza citrus exports

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). — Jordan has asked Iraq to allow lorries carrying citrus fruits from the occupied Gaza Strip to cross Iraqi territory on their way to Iran. Jordan's approach was made by Interior Minister Suleiman Arar who stopped over in Baghdad yesterday carrying a message from His Majesty King Hussein to President Bakr. The request was made on the instructions of Prime Minister Mudar Badran. Citrus fruit exports constitute the main source of income for the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip.

Trade with Arab countries increases

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). — Jordan's exports to Arab states during December 1977 increased by 62 per cent over the same month in 1976, while imports increased by 249 per cent over the same period, sources at the Department of Statistics said Sunday, Exports in December 1977 amounted to JD 3,400,000 as against JD 2.104.000 in December 1976. Imports during December 1977 were worth JD 7,221,000 as against JD 2,680,000 in December 1976. The main importers of Jordanian goods were Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Egypt, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, South Yemen, Qatar, Libya and North Yemen. Jordan imported goods mainly from Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt.

National News Roundup

ncess Basma briefs schools on registration of handicapped

A, April 10 (JNA). — Her Royal Highness Princess Sunday explained to headmasters and headmisof UNRWA schools in the district of Zarqa preons for the registration of handicapped people in ountry due to start on April 15. The registration e the first step towards establishing better living the principles the principles and services for the handicapped. The principles also visited the Family Affairs Society, a home for retarded. Prinlasma had made a similar visit to the city of Tafila . turday where she met with heads of schools to n the aims of the campaign. She also toured the ospital and a number of villages in the Tafila

NG Pakistani military team continues tour

AN, April 10 (JNA). - The visiting Pakistani midelegation led by Lt. Gen. Sadeq Rasheed Abbasi paid a visit to the Royal Jordanian Air Force headers. They met with the air force commander and briefed on the duties and organisation of the Air On Sunday, the delegation was received by His ty the King. During the audience the King conferthe guests Jordanian military medals of high dison. The audience was also attended by the Pakismbassador to Jordan. The Pakistani guests were eceived by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, whom bilateral relations and cooperation were dis-1 Earlier on Sunday, the delegation visited the ry Staff College where it was briefed on the orgaon and activities of the college and its training sys-Token gifts were exchanged at the end of the visit.

Cabinet boosts minimum wage for government employees

AN, April 10 (JNA). — The minimum wage for nment employees has been raised to JD 25 and s are to receive minimum salaries of JD 32, accoro a new wage scale approved by the Cabinet Sun-The scale is part of a bill attached to the 1978 buddso approved by the cabinet which creates 5,482 posts at various government departments. Also at ay's meeting Prime Minister Mudar Badran briefed abinet on the outcome of his recent visit to Libya which he held talks on bilateral relations and the nt Arab situation with Libyan leader Muammar afi and other senior government officials.

Hegally parked cars will be towed away

AN, April 10 (JNA). — The Directorate of Public ity as from tomorrow will begin an inspection drivarious areas of the city to ensure that traffic is ng by the set rules and regulations. The directorate iso asked the traffic department to tow away illeparked cars. The cars would be collected at the Seer administration centre, and legal action would against the owners.

Eight new municipal joint service councils approved

AN, April 10 (JNA). - Minister of Municipal and Affairs Ibrahim Ayoub today approved the setting eight new municipal joint service councils serving was and villages in the Karak governorate and the ba and Tafila districts. Three councils would be lished in each of these areas. These councils will out joint service projects catering for neighbourroups of villages and set up service complexes to ce the individual institutions in every village. The ion comes following the recommendations of two osiums of the municipalities in the Karak Goverand the Madaba District as well as the municiles in the Zarga and Madaba Districts, held last h. Each council will be chaired by the governor of oncerned area, with a representative from the viland an engineer from the Ministry of Municipal and

Brig. Qa'war laid to rest

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). — The body of the late Brig. Khalil Qa'war was laid to rest, here with full military honours Sunday.

5 Irbid cooperative centres completed

IRBID, April 10 (JNA). - The Irbid cooperative department has completed building five cooperative centres in the town of Irbid and the Eidoun, Sirou and Kfarat villages. The aim of these centres, which cost JD 110,000, is to accommodate membership of farmers in the Irbid Governorate. Meanwhile, work is underway on the construction of an agricultural cooperative union building at Irbid industrial centre. The buildings will comprise of seven garages for maintenance and repair of machines. storehouses and depots for fertilisers and seeds. The JD 40,000 project is expected to be completed within the first half of this year.

Second season at Iraq Al Amir starts today

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). - The second season for excavation work at the Iraq Al Amir, west of the Wadi Seer town will start tomorrow. The dig is being prepared by the Department of Antiquities in cooperation with the French archaeological centre, Director General of the Antiquities Department Dr. Adnan Al Hadidi said the excavations which will last four months, aim at facilitating repaid and reconstruction of Qasr Al 'Abd which contains various items of interest, including large statues of lions, dating back to the first century B.C.

RSS, General Electric sponsor seminar on electricity

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA). - The Mechanical Engineering Department of the Royal Scientific Society and General Electric Co. are sponsoring a seminar which began this morning on electrical distribution systems. The meeting was attended by top engineers and technicians from the Royal Scientific Society, the Jordanian Armed Forces, Jordan Electricity Authority, and the Irbid and

the Amman electricity companies. Seven engineers from General Electric also participated in the meeting.

Chambers of Commerce Union meets

JARASH, April 10 (JNA). — The Union of Chambers of Commerce held a conference here today, Jarash District Governor Salem Al Qudah addressing the meeting, called for the establishment of industries near the city of Jarash. President of the Union of Chambers of Commerce Mohammad Ali Al Budeir told the meeting that the union is trying to start new consumer industries in Jordan. The conference recommended an increase in fees paid to the government by all merchants and opening a new income tax office in Aqaba due to the boom in commerce activities in the city.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	307.00/309.00
U.K. sterling	576.00/580.00
W. German mark	152.00/152.90
Swiss franc	164.30/165.30
French franc	67.30/67.70
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Buying/Selling

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Amman Stock Exchange Report NAME OF COMPANY value traded price price Jordan Petroleum Co. JD 5.000 5,332 6.600 6.600 Jordan Cement Factories JD 10.000 1,564 14.950 14.900 Jordan Phosphate Mines JD 1.000 105 2.100 2.100 Arab Pharmaceutical Co. JD 5.000 454 15.700 15.700 Housing Bank JD 1.000 2,200 1.100 1.100 Jordan Pipe Manufacturing Co. JD 10,000 412 10.400 10.300 Jordan - Gulf Bank JD 1.000 1.100 1.100 9.660 1.700 1.650 Dar Aldawa Development & Investment Co. JD 1.000 2,310 General Mining Co. JD 1.000 0.8500.900 45 1.250 Jordan Electricity Co. JD 1.000 733 I.250 National Insurance Co. JD 10.000 10.000 50 10.000 Jordan Tanning Co. JD 5.000 7.200 1,508 7.250 Arab International Hotels Co. JD 1.000 390 0.700 0.650 Arab Aluminium Co. JD 1.000 3,467 0.950 0.950 Garage Owners Federation Office Co. 3.700 JD 1.000 1,642 3.700

Total volume traded, Monday, April 10 JD 29,872

*50 per cent of share capital paid. *75 per cent of share capital paid.

JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6: 5:30 Quran 5:45 Cartoons 6:00 Black Beauty 7:00 Arable programme 8:00 News in Arable 11:00 News in Arable Channel 3:

9:30 Arabic progr 10:15 Arabic serie Channel 6: News in Hebrew
Filler
Comedy series (/
You Being Served)
Hard times
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RADIO JORDAN

Pop Session
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French Music
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BBC RADIO 15:00 15:15

05:00 News; 24 Hours
05:30 Sarah Ward
05:45 World Today
08:00 News; Press Review
08:30 Folk and Country
07:00 News; 24 Hours
07:30 Sarah Ward
07:45 Young Britain
08:00 News; Reflections
08:15 Short Story
08:30 Composer and Interpreter 18:15 Ootlook
16:00 News, Commentary
16:15 How to be a Musicial
16:45 World Today
17:00 News
17:00 Take One
17:45 Sports Round-up
18:00 News, News about
18:15 Radio Newsreel
18:30 The Farming World
19:00 Outlook, News Summary
19:39 Stock Market Report
19:45 Ulster in Focus
20:00 News, 24 Hours
20:00 Take Pleasure's Yours
21:15 Talkabout
21:45 Nature Notebook preter News; Press Review World Today Enthusiasm Alexis Korner Ulster in Focus Discovery News, News about Britain 21:45 Nature Notebook 22:00 News, World Today 22:25 Financial News 22:35 Book Choice, Reflec-Britain

11:15 Am I too Loud

11:30 Sports International

12:00 Radio Newsreel

12:15 Terry Wogan

12:45 Sports Round-up

13:00 News; 24 Hours

13:30 Man who loved paint-

Swedish crown

22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 News, Commentary 23:15 New Ideas, Guitar 23:30 Inspector West at Bay ort on Religion **VOICE OF AMERICA**

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04:30 and 03:30 GMT :
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8:00 Bangkok, Bahrain (RJ-GF)
8:10 Baghdad (JA)
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11:30 Kuwait (KAC)
12:25 Karachi, Abu Dhabi (FIA)
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CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel.	41520
British Council	•	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	44	37009
Goethe Institute	-	41993
Soviet Cultural Centre	-	44203
Haya Arts Centre	•	65195
Hussein Youth City	-	39341
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CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hamra Theatre	Tel.	226-448
Al Sha'b Art Gallery	Ph.	228-527
American Centre		552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	R)	333-727
Deutsch Democratic Republic Cultural Centre	-	332-932
French Cultural Centre		339-654
Kabbani Thesire	70	222-016
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UAE oil minister urges Healey places budget secrets in-the "Gladstone" **OPEC** to find ways to counter revenue losses

ABU DHABI, April 10 (R). — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Mane' Al Oteiba was quoted here today as saying his country was losing 11.5 per cent of its oil revenues as a result of the continuing fall in dollar values.

In an interview with the aling with the dollar crisis wo-newspaper Al Wahda, Dr. Al uld not lead to the disintegra-Oteiba called on member-states of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OP-EC) to find ways of countering the fall in their revenues and call on them to programme their oil production in a way which would allow them to continue to dictate world oil

Dr. Al Oteiba said differen-

tion of OPEC and the question would have to be discussed next month at an extraordinary conference of OPEC oil ministers to be held in Gene-

EEC sets 90-day deadline to work out strategy for tackling economic crisis for a crucial summit of seven

COPENHAGEN, April 10 (R).

— Common Market leaders have set themselves a 90-day deadline to work out a strategy to drag the Western world out of recession, cut down unemployment and curb trade protectionism.

They agreed on this approach at a two-day European commu-nity summit which ended here Saturday with a clear realisation that the economic crisis facing the West was so great that they must take a concerted stand or fall apart.

The nine European community leaders set themselves the target of a 4.5 per cent annual economic growth rate for the Common Market by July next year.

This is the minimum they can do to help fight the awesome problem of unemployment. now running at six million in a community of more than 250 million people, and is particularly severe among the young France's President Valery

Giscard d'Estaing and the leaders of West Germany, Britain, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands. Luxembourg Denmark and Ireland outlined a five-point programme in preparation va or in the Saudi city of Taef.

The UAE oil minister said losses resulting from dollar fluctuations were between eight and nine per cent last year and had risen to 11.5 per cent this

leading industrial states in

Bonn in mid-July, to be attend-

Bonn talks will be Japan, Can-

ada and the big four of the European community - - West

Germany, France, Britain and

ed the 90-day deadline so they

could present a joint stand to

the Bonn meeting, which fol-lows the seven-nation summit

agreed that the battle for eco-

nomic recovery must be fought

on five fronts: Economic grow-

th to pull the Western World

out of recession, greater stabi-

lity in Common Market cur-

rencies in the face of dollar up-

heavals, long-term capital mo-

vements including aid for less

developed countries, oil and en-

ergy conservation, and more tr-

ade to prevent the spread of

Common Market leaders fe-

ar that the pressure on them

to put up trade barriers will

intensify unless Japan soon st-

arts to reduce its \$5.2 billion

trading surplus with the com-

protectionism.

in London in June last year.

The community leaders fix-

The Common Market nine

The other countries at the

ed by President Carter.

The UAE has prepared "comprehensive and full proposais" which he planned to present to next month's OPEC conference, he added. Those would base oil prices

states," he said.

"There is an urgent need (for OPEC) to discuss the effects of

the dollar fluctuations on the

incomes of the oil producing

on "a new basket of currencies whose aim would be to maintain the purchasing power of oil revenues without replacing the dollar as the unit in which prices are expressed," he expla-ined.

Dr. Al Oteiba first outlined his proposals at a lecture here two months ago when he said the basket would be in three tiers -- a first tier representing 70 per cent of the basket and comprising traditional hard currencies such as the dollar, the West German Mark and the Swiss, French and British currencies, a second tier repre-senting 20 per cent of the basket and comprising the currencies of some of the oil exporters such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE, and a third tier accounting for the remaining 10 per cent and expressed in gold.

Dr. Al Oteiba is the first OPEC minister to say that the conference might be held in Taef and not in Geneva.



Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr. Denis Healey prepares the budget at the Treasury in London, which he will deliver at the House of Commons today. His "secrets" will be placed in the traditional leather covered Budget Box before him -- a box in which successive chancellors have carried their budget speeches from their official residence at 11 Downing Street to Parliament. Looking a little worn now, the box is probably more than 100 years old. It is believed to have been made for Mr. Gladstone when he was chancellor some time around 1860 and has becomeknown as the "Gladstone" box. (BIS photo)

Gulf oil states take precautions against occupation

KUWAIT, April 10 (R). — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other Gulf Arab states are taking secret precautions against threats to oc-cupy their oil fields, the UAE ambassador here was quoted yesterday as saying.

"We are a target nation and expect invasion at any mo-ment," Ambassador Mohammad

Abdulla said, according to the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas.

Referring to the precautionary measures, he said: "Current events require this, as we face a common enemy and have to consult on coordinating defence steps and to take precautions against threats to occupy the oil fields."

Details of a common policy

between the region's states, now being drawn up, would be kept secret "The coordination is meant

for self-defence and not for attack," he said. The ambassador did not say

where threats to oil fields came from but Gulf newspapers have given prominence to reports of Saudi complaints of Israeli overflights.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES LONDON MARKET REPORT

LONDON. (R). - Following are the buying and selling rates for budget tomorrow, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

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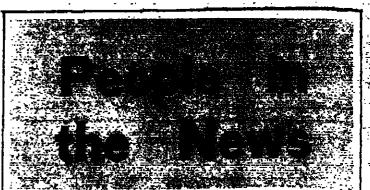
U.S. dollars West German marks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns.

Stock prices closed lower in light trading ahead of the 3.7 at 463.4.

Government bonds finished as much as 1/4 point lower after being marked down 1/16 point following the wholesale price index though the mark down was subsequently recovered, dealers said. Industrial leaders mostly lost ground with Fisons the most affected at 333p, down 9p. Gold shares reduced earlier losses but were largely down on

the day. U.S. stocks hardened while Canadians eased, Australians Oils inclined easier where changed while banks held steady.

Price of gold closed in London Monday at \$178.70/oz.



Architect Sir Clough Williams-Ellis dies

PORTMEIRION, Wales, April 10 (AP), — Distinguished architect Sir Clough Williams-Ellis died in his sleep at his home here early Sunday, his widow said. He would have been 95 next month. Mr. Williams-Ellis headed the Stevenage Development Corporation which planned and built a town of that name in the Hertfordshire countryside, 28 miles north of London, It set an example for architects all over the world. Mr. Williams-Ellis designed homes, mansions, hotels, exhibition halls, schools, colleges, chapels and churches, village schemes, mausoleums and gardens in England, Ireland and Wales, and residences in China, South Africa and New Zea-

Tycoon must sell unique art collection

LONDON, April 10 (R). — Bolivian tin tycoon George Ortiz, who paid \$2 million to kidnappers of his five-year-old daughter last October, said yesterday he must sell his unique art collection. Child heiress Graziella Ortiz-Patino was abducted on her way to school near Geneva on Oct, 3. She was released unharmed 11 days later after the ransom, one of the biggest in history, was paid. Two Italians were last month charged with the crime but much of the money has yet to be recovered. Mr. Ortiz is in London to arrange the disposal of his African and Pacific primitime art. His Polynesian items are regarded as the finest in the world in private hands.

John Wayne leaves intensive care unit

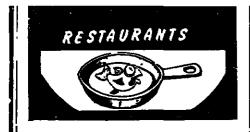
BOSTON, April 10 (AP). - Actor John Wayne, recovering from a heart valve operation, has been transferred out of the intensive care unit at Massachusetts General Hospital. Mr. Wayne, 70, was moved on Saturday to an intermediate care section, hospital spokesman Martin Bander said. Mr. Wayne, who has appeared in about 200 films, has received severa thousand letters from wellwishers. Flowers and baskets of food sent by fans have filled the movie star's room, Mr.

Muriel Humphrey will not run in elections

ST. PAUL, Minnesota, April 10 (R). — Muriel Humphrey, appointed to the U.S. Senate last February after the death of her husband, Sen. Hubert Humphrey, announced over the weekend that she would not seek election to his Minnesota seat. "After 12 campaigns and 33 years working with Hubert in his years as mayor (of Minneapolis), vice president and senator, I now want to return home as a private person," Mrs. Humphrey told a Democratic fund raising dinner here. The 66-year-old widow said: "I will not seek to remain in office beyond the interim,"

Sir Michael Redgrave makes good recovery

LONDON, April 10 (AP). — Sir Michael Redgrave, 70, was "making a good recovery" in a local hospital Sunday after suffering exhaustion following a tour of Denmark, hospital sources said yesterday. The actor was taken Friday to the eight-bed Odiham Hospital near his home in Hampshire. A hospital spokesman said "he is almost back to his old self" and they expected to discharge him tomorrow. Mr. Redgrave suffers from Parkinson's disease, which prevents him from acting, but he manages one-man recitals of literary classics and toured Canada and South America last year. His actress daughter Vanessa won an academy award last week





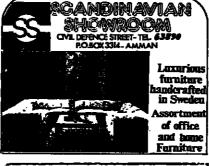








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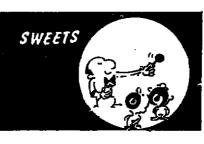




























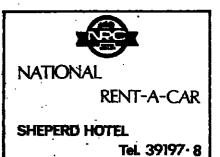




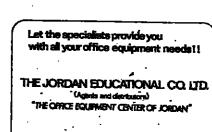


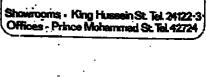




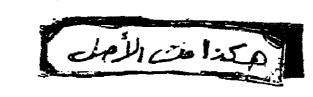


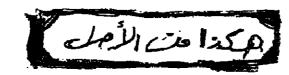












POBECAST FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1978

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A productive day when you can exercise your creative ideas and get an excellent response. Show that you are most cooperative and can form a harmonious relationship with key persons.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to have an interchange of ideas with your associates and thereby

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) An ideal day to find better ways of adding to present abundance. Plan time for consultations with financial experts.

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You can enjoy the pleasures you really like now without much trouble or s sexpense. Sidestep a troublemaker. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Aug. 21) Exercise good

judgment in career activities and get excellent results at this time. Make happiness your goal. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Plan more time for being with friends you truly like. Decide what your real aims are and

how best to attain them. Be logical. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22.) South public work that can be helpful to you and others. Study VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Good day to engage in

new trends where your career work is concerned. ensive trends where your care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Some puzzling situations in the can now be cleared up by new viewpoints you have. Be more understanding of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make certain to keep all the promises you have made to others. Be sure to handle

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make long-range " the state plans that will give you added income in the days ahead. Show others that you have outstanding ability.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Good day to keep If fun in the steadily at your work and get a good deal accomplished. - 1/22: Be more cooperative with associates.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You can have a most delightful time at amusements with congenials during spare time today. Show more devotion to mate.

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Japanese get hooked on the "mansion craze" as property prices get higher and higher

By Stephen Bronte

TOKYO (F.T.) — It was a heart rending scene. A redeved Japanese housewife explained to a sympathetic television studio audience how her husband had suffered a nervous breakdown which put him in hospital. "We pleaded with them" she related, "but refused postpone our payments". Then she burst into tears. Their inability to meet their loan payments had brought foreclosure on their mortgaged suburban Osaka

The story underlines the fact that today thousands of Japanese middle class families are rushing headlong into morigage contracts that will enable them to buy the home of their dreams, a Japanese "mansion". Of course, they are not thinking of moving into a palatial estate. A "mansion" in the Japanese meaning refers to a condominium located in a high rise building close to a major urban centre.

Boom in demand

The demand for mansions has reached boom proportions in recent years. Over 47,000 units will be offered for sale in the 1977/78 fiscal year, a per cent increase over the previous year. Mansion building is the one prosperous area in the otherwise depressed construction industry. Hasegawa Komuten, a leading construction company specialising in mansions, announced profits of \$9.1 m. for the term ending May, 1977, and it has forecast a further 45 per cent growth in profits for the current fiscal year.

Often given Western names like "comfy homes" or "regal house", the usual mansion is a three room affair, known in Japan as a "2LDK". This includes two 9' × 12' rooms, one 12' × 12' combination kitchen and living room, bathroom, and a small balcony. Hot water and central heating are optional. This dream home can be purchased for a mere

The Japanese are flocking to do just that. Last year, 70 per cent of all units offered were sold in their first month on the market. One company recently offered 168 units for sale in the Kudanshita dist-rict of central Tokyo Prices ranged from \$37,500 for a one room apartment on the street, to \$166,000 for a four room penthouse. Within three days all were sold, a full year before ground was broken to begin construction.

Inflation has been a major factor behind the mansion buphenomenon. Rents in

Japanese cities have increased up to 2,000 times in the last 30 years. An apartment in the Akasaka district of Tokyo that rented for 14 cents a month in 1947 now costs \$330.

Investments pay off

Those who bought land and built homes in the 50's and 60's have seen their investments increase exponentially in value. Of the 31 m. families in Japan, 18 m. are now homeowners. Those who haven't bought homes yet are rushing do so before prices soar out of reach.

The main buyers have been young Japanese couples in their late twenties or early thirties, with one or two children. But with the cost of a mansion more than five times the average annual income of this age group (which is about \$12,500 a year), mansion buyers are having to rely on either public or private fin-

Home financing is available from two sources. City banks are extending 20 year loans at 7.96 per cent a year. The guidelines used stipulate an initial 30 per cent deposit, with a lending ceiling of up to four times the borrower's annual salary. Also, the Japan Housing Finance Corporation, semi-governmental lending institution, has more reasonable terms with 35 year loans available only to families at 5.5 per cent a year.

The criteria used for rating potential borrowers would raise eyebrows in Western countries. The main considerations are the reputation of the borrower's place or employment, and whether or not has worked continuously that company. Thus, a lower level employee at Mitsubishi or Toyota could breeze through a credit check, while the president of a small unknown company would undergo careful scrutiny. One job change in a lifetime could kill his chances of getting a housing loan. Female or foreign borrowers are out unless they can provide an acceptable guarantor.

Effective

The criteria seem to be effective. Of 700,000 housing loans made in 1975, only 800 went into arrears, a percentage to be envied by Western ber of bad debts was ten ti-mes the 1973 figure.

The competition, which is run by Vladivar Vodka in con-Like the unhappy mentioned above, too many families have signed themseljunction with the "Export Times", was won in 1976 by the ves into unbearable repayme-Premier Drum Leicester, which had sold tomnt schedules. While the usual

Of 31 m. Japanese families, 18 m. have managed to acquire their own homes. They think it is the best security they can get -- even if it breaks them.

cailing recommended by banks is 20 per cent of the borrower's salary, some unfortunate mansion buyers are overburdened with monthly payments equal to half their monthly income. With such a narrow margin of safety, even a temporary slowdown in the economy manifested in the form of a cancelled summer bonus

sells.

could bring foreclosure. To streamline the mansion business, major companies have pooled their resources. A construction company builds them, a bank does the financing, and then a trading com-pany markets them. Hasega-

By Carol Kennedy

LONDON, (LPS) - That old

adage about sending coals to

Newcastle -- once a centre

of the British coalmining in-

dustry -- pales beside the ex-

traordinary achievements of

some British exporters in sel-

ling, among other things, hot-

water bottles to Nigeria, oil

to Abu Dhabi, sun lamps to

Bahrain, wool to Australia

and chicken chow mein to

coups -- surely representing unusual powers of salesman-

ship -- which were revealed

in the dozens of letters rece-

ived by Greenall Whitley, a

big British brewing and dis-

tilling company, after it an-

nounced, for the second year

running, a competition for an "Incredible Export Award".

In Moscow?

The distilling part of Greenall, G. and J. Greenall, bas-

ed in Warrington, Lancashire,

northern England, is itself en-

gaged in promoting an "inc-

redible export" -- It is trying

hard to sell Lancashire-made

Vladivar Vodka in Eastern

Europe, and its ambition is to

see this being drunk in Mos-

Company of

These are just some of the

Hong Kong,

wa Komuten, the Mitsui Shintaku Bank, and Nissho-Iwai have formed one group. Another trio is comprised of Hazama Gumi, the Taiyo Bank, Asahi Tatemono, while Kajima Construction, Sumitomo Bank, and Sumitomo Shoji have formed a third group.

Foreign companies have also entered the arena. Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd. and Pacific Architects have formed a joint venture named K. K. Halifax Associates that is entering the mansion field. To date, it has completed two buildings in Tokyo, the "Mita Townhouse" and the "Halifax

Building", catering specifically to businesses

Hazards

There are hazards to avoid in buying a mansion. The industry is prey to the corruption in the construction industry which is rife in Japan. One recent scandal involved a company that substituted wooden beams for concrete in a three-story mansion. Consultants advise purchasing a unit built by a well known construction company to min-

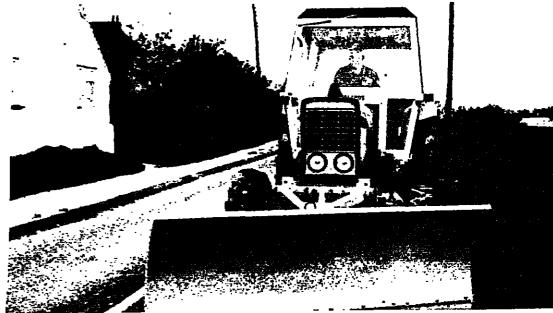
imise this danger. And if one has an eve towards reselling his mansion, the location is of prime importance. Units in central Tokvo sell like hotcakes, but those one to two hours commuting distance out of town tend to be slow movers. There are now 10,000 unsold units

located on the distant outskirts of big cities.

In the high inflation economy, an urban mansion can be an excellent investment. An ever expanding population in an already desperately crowded country is bound to insure continued demand for this type of housing. Assuming that one has paid his earthquake and fire insurance, it can be a relatively safe in-

vestment at that. The mansion has become an important part of the housing and construction industry here. The trend will continue because for the Japanese middle class, mansion ownership represents one of the few forms of long term security av-

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Sixty of these snow ploughs have been sold to the Yemen by Bunce Ltd., of Ashbury, Wiltshire, England -- for use as sand ploughs.

toms to Nigeria. Response from companies all over Briwas so great, and interest in industry and by the press so keen, that the Greencompany was encouraged to hold a second contest in 1977 -- and the likelihood is that it will become an annual

The idea originated because it was felt that exporting ougovernment minister, to be fun as well as a serious business of improving the country's balance of payments, and that a lighthearted award for unusual exports would nicely such established incentives as the Queen's Award to Industry, given each year for a great range of industrial and commercial achi-

event.

evements.

The actual prize for incredible exports is modest enough

by the well-known cartoonist Bill Tidy and presented to the winning company along with a crate of Vladivar Vodka. But the publicity value, of course, is immense.

Hot favourites

Among entries hotly favoured to win this year's competition is that of London Rubber Industries which sells 15.000 hot-water bottles a year to humid West Africa. The initial deal was clinched at a trade fair in Nigeria where the temperature had reached a sizzling 110 degrees Fahren-heit (43 degrees C). Also well in the running

may be a company called Henry V. Hird of Hyde, Cheshire, which has shipped a consignment of refined oll to Abu Dhabi along with a £75,000 vehicle workshop. The company explains that, although oilrich Abu Dhabi produces vast quantities of the raw commo-dity, "refined oil is very diffi-

cult to get hold of there".

Then there is the company which exports sun lamps to Bahrain, while others include a firm in Bradford -- once the centre of Britain's wool trade -- which exports wool from Scottish island sheep to Australia, and the glant Unilever multinational, whose food division sends packaged chow mein to Hong Kong as well as a variety of other Chinese and Indian dishes.

One firm supplies artificial

ski slopes to Sweden, another, artificial sponges to the Sey-

chelles. An enterprising record company has even managed to market German language courses in Germany -- perhaps for the benefit of the "gastarbeiter" or immigrant workers from Turkey. Tents to Arabs (sold by Benjamin Edgington, tent-makers Royal Appointment), "cat igloos" to Iceland, and sawn logs and pulpwood to Norway are just a few of the other amazing feats of salesmanship revealed in Greenall's list of more than 50 entries. But there is even more in-

triguing evidence of work done by enterprising exporters. For instance, a company in Ashbury, Wiltshire, has sold

an original cartoon drawn 60 snow ploughs to the Yemen -- hardly a country to be plagued by snowdrifts -where the machines are used as sand ploughs to clear drifts built up by the wind.

And a Cheshire firm called

Trendora (Gymnastics) Ltd has supplied about 50 yoga mats to the Iyengar Institute in Poona, India, a world-renowned centre of yoga studies. The mats, measuring two metres by one metre, are made of foam with a bonded cover and latex back, and can be easily wiped clean. They also find a ready market in the United States of America and the Netherland.

Whiteboards and black chalk

A firm in Mitcham, Surrey, cleverly identified an unusual market when it succeeded in selling whiteboards instead of blackboards to educational establishments in black Africa -- complete, of course, with black chalk. A company ex-porting to the Middle East does a good business in elec-tric fencing to keep camels off farmland, and yet another firm has sold stainless steel paim trees to Kuwait -- presumably as decor for some new hotel or office headquarters. Christies, the famous Lond-

on firm of fine art auctioneers, is successfully selling contemporary Islamic etchings to Saudi Arabia, and one enterprising company buys West-ern Red Cedar from Canada, processes it into garden trellising and sells it back to

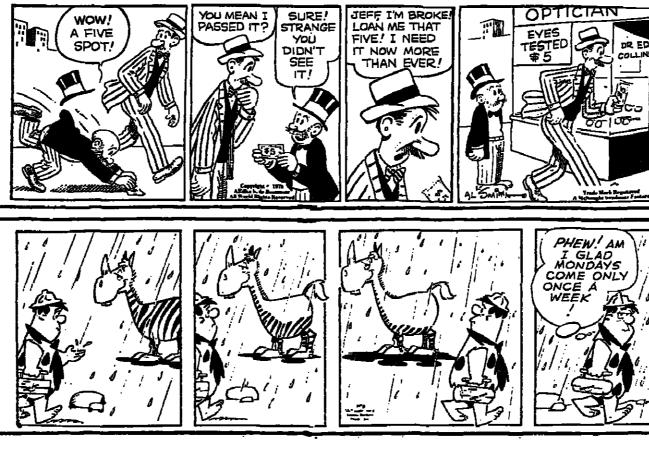
Finally there is the story of the Swiss rolls sold to Switzerland. The Swiss roll is widely known in Britain as meaning a particular type of sponge roll filled with jam. But when supplies of the delicacy, made by Park Cakes of Oldham, Lancashire, arrived in Switzerland, the Swiss customs held them up, complaining that the description on the documents was wrong because the rolls had not been made in Switzerland. The international misunderstanding was cleared up and in due course Swiss customers were able to munch their way happily through the British Swiss



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Ford says Carter erred by bringing Russia back into Middle East

NEW YORK, April 10 (R). - Former President Gerald Ford said that allowing the Soviet Union to regain influence in the Middle East was the present administration's major error. "Carter made a serious mistake by bringing the Soviet Union back into the Middle East," he told 1,500 people at a dinner arranged by the Young Israeli organisation yesterday.

Quiet diplomacy

led "escalating public rheto-

ric" which limited the scope

needed by all in such sensitive

He also decried what he cal-

The Soviet Union had never shown any signs of playing a constructive role in the region, he said.

He urged Mr. Carter to use the 1975 Israeli-Egyptian agreement worked out during the Ford administration as the basis for future peace negotiati-

He said: "We must recognise that a totally separate peace at this stage may not be a realistic option for Egypt. It can only provide a foundation and umbrella for later agreements between Israel and Jordan and Israel and Syria."

Mr. Ford indicated last week that he was interested in running for the presidency again, having been defeated in 1976 by Mr. Carter.

Nothing could be more des-tructive to peace negotiations than for the United States to leave the impression in Middle Eastern capitals that it could force Egypt. Israel or any other parties to the talks to make concessions, he said.

"Only the parties themsel-

The United States should choose the quiet diplomacy of the Ford-Kissinger years and

talks

be willing to do more listening than talking, he said. "Private cooperation is more helpful than public condem-

nation," he said.

In an apparent reference to speculation that some United States officials would prefer to see Mr. Begin replaced by Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, Mr. Ford said, "no nation should ever be in the position of telling another nation who its leaders should be."

At the same dinner meeting Hugh L. Carey, Governor of New York state, called for "an end of the arms sales to Isra-

able Romania to continue its

tightrope diplomacy between

including two meetings with

President Carter, was arranged

following a Romanian assess-

ment that relations were in

danger of stagnating after re-

aching a high point under Pre-

sident Richard Nixon.

The six day Ceausescu visit,

the power blocs,

Romanian president to visit Washington

BUCHAREST, April 10 (R). - Presiden: Nicolae Ceausescu goes to Washington tomorrow. seeking renewed support for communist Romania's independence and U.S. help in meeting ambitious economics goals.

The Romanian leader making his fourth U.S. visit in eight years, will be the first Soviet Bloc government chief to be received at the White

House by President Carter. U.S. sources said Mr. Carter would give him strong assurances of American interest in the continued maintenance of Romania's political independence and military security.

Mr. Carter will be the fourth successive U.S. president to pledge American understanding for a staunchly independent foreign policy which often puts Romania at odds with the So-

viet Union. Mr. Ceausescu's maverick relations with the Kremlin have improved at least outwardly, since the previous American President Gerald Ford visited here 2-1/2 years ago, but the U.S. connection rema-

ins a key priority for Romania, Bucharest officials said periodic reaffirmation of U.S. interest was essential to en-

Ecevit to visit Bonn

BONN, April 10 (R). - Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit will pay an official visit to West Germany from May 10 to 13, it was officially announced

new

By James Foley

NORFOLK, Virginia, (R). — More than a million-and-a-half

American troops would be air-

litted to Europe if war betwe-en East and West appeared

imminent under a radical new plan devised by NATO com-

manders. Under the plan the long range

civil airliners of the Europe

an NATO states would dash

to the United States to pick

up the troops and bring them

The European airliners wo-

uld join the huge fleets of the

American civil airlines to lift

the troops to Europe to con-

front the Russians and their

At the same time some 500

European civilian ships, all of

which have been named, wo-

uld discharge their cargoes

wherever they are and steam

to the United States to pick

up war supplies. British Admiral David Lo-

ram, deputy commander of NATO's huge Atlantic comm-and and chief architect of the

plan, said the ships would

carry some four million tons

of tanks, guns, ammunition

and other war supplies across

The admiral is head of a

multinational task group of the North Atlantic Treaty

Organisation which will pre-

sent its plan to the alliance

summit in Washington in

May. He said the figure could

the ocean.

back to the continent.

Warsaw Pact allies.

ves can negotiate peace," he el's enemies" and "clear Ametold a cheering audience. rican support for a renewal of rican support for a renewal of face-to-face talks" for a Mid-

dle East peace agreement. Mr. Carey said that American policy toward Israel has been drifting and should be independent of the twists and turns of Israel's internal poli-

"True friends of Israel will not be fooled or dismayed by the open expression of different opinions within Israel," Mr. Carey said, "Israel is demo-cracy like the United States, and the creation of public policy in both nations is a process

of open expression." Israel, he added, "must not have to confine her rhetoric" to win American approval.

Also scheduled to speak at the gathering was New York Mayor Edward Koch. Some 100 orthodox Jews and

other persons picketed outside the hotel. A spokesman said the group opposed the mayor's stands in support of abortion and of rights for homosexuals.

Mr. Carey said Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has been characterised as "in-flexible and rigid, yet is Begin who offered at Ismailia in December to restore to Egypt most of the territory Egypt had lost."

He added: "I know Prime Minister Begin, and I know he is inflexible only for the safety of his people.

Saying that Israel has been described recently as insecure, Mr. Carey said that "actually it is American support for Is-rael that has become insecure." He concluded that the United States should "assist and support, not pressure" Israel.

Israel bans 319 books on occupied West Bank

RAMALLAH, April 10 (R). - The Israeli military government has banned from sale in the occupied West Bank 319 books by about 7 Arab authors, according to local booksellers.

A spokesman for the military government said the ban was imposed because books which contained anti-Israel propaganda, for which import licences had previously been refused, were being secretly printed

He said that the ban did not cover all books by any particular author but only those found to contain material which could inflame the West Bank population "even if only one page contains such material."

The forbidden books include Smile on his Lips and Twelve Men by Youssef Sibai, the Egyptian newspaper editor and author assassinated in Cyprus

The list includes Anis Mansour's Around the World in 200 Days and books by Fatwa Toukan, author and poetess from Nablus, and works by Nazzar Al Kabani, Mohammad Attiyeh Al Abrashi and Mohammad Al Gazzali.

commanders devise

war

According to NATO sources the Soviet Union has more

than three times that number

based in the Murmansk area

alone and some 340 -- the

largest submarine force in the

Rapid reinforcements

had to plan to reinforce the European NATO states rapid-

ly because the alliance could

not afford to maintain all its

troops, planes and military

equipment on the other side

of the Atlantic.
The plan calls for the rein-

forcement to take place dur-

ing a time of crisis but before

fighting actually breaks out.
There are two schools of

thought in the alliance on wh-

at effect a reinforcement de-

cision -- which would have

to be taken by the alliance

governments -- would have

during a time of grave crisis between NATO and the War-

One says the reinforcement

would act as a deterrent to

an outbreak of fighting by

showing alliance resolve whi-le the other, definitely a min-ority view, says it would in-crease tension and perhaps pr-

In any event the public sta-

nd of the alliance is that a

decision to send American fo-

rces to Europe would achieve

NATO's self-appointed first

task -- to deter the Soviet

ompt a Soviet attack

saw Pact.

Adm. Loram said NATO

world -- in its four fleets.

East-West

go to 11 million tons, depe-

nding on whether or not fig-

other NATO government hea-

ds called for the study, along

with others, to examine ways

for the United States to get

its men, tanks and guns to

Achilles heel

The Atlantic is the Achilles

heel of the 16-nation West-

ern alliance in that it divides

Europe, where any East-West

war is likely to be fought, from the United States,

NATO's military powerhouse. Aware of this the Soviet Union has turned the Mur-

mansk area in northern Rus-

sia into what NATO sources

here say is the world's big-

ships and 200 submarines ba-

sed there would try to move

into the Atlantic during a

war to cut the supply and

reinforcement lines between

the U.S. and Europe, experts

remarked one U.S. navy off-

icer at NATO's Atlantic Com-

The problem preoccupies NATO leaders Naval officers

point out that Germany wr-

eaked hovac in the Atlantic

shipping lanes with a force

of only 57 submarines at the

mand headquarters here.

start of World War II.

"Like sharks in a moat,"

The nearly 100 surface war-

gest naval base.

President Jimmy Carter and

hting broke out.

Europe.

Full-scale military alert called off

Alleged commando raid

TEL AVIV, April 10 (R). - A reported Palestinian commando raid which led to a full-scale military alert in Israel was almost certainly a hoax, a military spokesman said today.

Though the alert was called off early today, heavily-armed soldiers and police kept up their search along the southern coast after the report that a Palestinian commando squad landed last night.

The report was broadcast from a truck saying it had been seized by 10 guerrillas who had killed a girl and taken four hostages. Police said they were seeking to trace those who made the broadcast.

"We are now about 99 per cent certain that it was a hoax, but we are taking no chances," the spokesman said.

Only a month ago, Palestinian guerrillas hijacked a bus on the main Tel Aviv-Haifa road and 35 Israelis were killed. Police have questioned a number of people with two-way broadcasting equipment in their vehicles. But a spokesm said later they had no definite lead on the origin of the weekend broadcast.

Israeli security forces, publicly criticised for reacting slowly to the guerrilla attack last month, went into action last night within a few minutes of the initial report of another mmando raid.

Newspapers and eyewitnesses were full of praise today for the army and police who threw up roadblocks -- consisting mainly of armoured personnel carriers.

Israel's special police anti-guerrilla unit sped to the area shot up flares and switched on flood lights that almost instantconverted the darkness into daylight.
"I think we learned some badly needed lessons from the

last tragedy and we think a repetition is less likely today," an Israeli security officer said.

than 70% of Manilan votes

MANILA, April 10 (R). — Official results in the Philippines' first elections under mar-tial law today showed the government taking less than 70 per cent of the capital's votes -- well down on the 90 per cent support the government claimed for itself in past

First results also indicated the government appeared to have lost some seats in the Central Visayan Island, where local leadership is said to be unpopular, and possibly a few on the Moslem-rebel troubled southern island of Mindanao. President Ferdinand Marcos

called a meeting of his cabinet today to assess election results, in which he has claimed an overwhelming victory, and to review the security situation.

Among matters to be discussed are yesterday's arrests of 600 peaceful marchers, including opposition candidates, two civil rights lawyers and several Roman Catholic nuns, protesting alleged cheating in Friday's poll. The authorities, who have

placed the lawyers and candidates in the main military detention centre, said the marchers would be charged with sedition and incitement to se-

The authorities said they carried posters calling for revolution and shouted slog-ans. They also alleged police found small home-made explosives.

Foreign correspondents who watched the march, sponsored radical

Union from any military ad-

Early decision

The military planners say

that during a crisis NATO's political leaders would have

to take an early decision for

the reinforcement plan to be

put into effect.

Then, if the deterrent aspect of the reinforcement

failed and war broke out, the

troops would be on the gro-und in Europe to help fight

The alliance says reinforce

Europe and we do that, I hope

in peacetime, because then

you get all those personnel and all that equipment over without attrition," said Adm.

He said the success of the

reinforcement plan depended

on the alliance having enough

political courage to order it

into effect long before fight-

ing actually breaks out.

NATO's military authorities

believe the alliance navles

would have to struggle long

-- and take heavy casualities

-- to clear the Atlantic of So-

viet submarines and surface

raiders at the start of a war.

it would take but most exp-

erts believe it would take at

least a month -- and by then

the Soviet army might be wai-

ting on the beaches in western

Europe when the Allied ships

Opinions vary on how long

strategy

venture.

Loram.

Marcos' party wins less

itself the People's Alternative, did not see the alleged posters nor hear any seditious slogans. The marchers' shouts were

for the opposition People's Power Party and they sang two folk numbers. Their arrest brought a pro-

test by civil rights lawyer and former Sen. Jovito Salonga. President of the organisawhich sponsored the march.

Gypsies pay homage to Romany victims of Nazis GENEVA, April 10 (R). —

Some 130 gypsies from 20 co-untries stood in silent homage here yesterday to an estimated half a million Romany victims of Nazi Germany. The ceremony preceded a session of a commission on

war crimes at the Second In-Romany ternational which opened here Saturday attended by gypsy delegates from East and West Europe, the United States, India and Pak-

The four-day congress has been convened with a view to

ending harassment of and discrimination against the world's estimated 10 million gypsies and winning full civil rights for gypsies wherever they live. Its agenda includes a de-

Italy keeps

hard line in

dealing with

kidnappers

vity, the Italian government today showed no sign of chang-

ing its hard-line decision to re-

ject any demands from the ur-

ban guerrilla kidnappers of for-

mer Prime Minister Aldo Moro.

on the situation, but unconfir-

med reports said a new letter

from Signor Moro contained an-

other emotional appeal for a

prisoner exchange to secure his

The leading newspaper Cor-

riere Della Sera today quoted

one person who read the let-

ter, which was received on Sat-

urday, as saying it is "terrible

any contacts with the Red Bri-

gades and authorities mainta-

ined a total news blackout on

But the actions of the gover-

nment and investigators indica-

ted that the Moro case was

reaching a decisive point after

the reported letter from the

ruling Christian Democratic

Party president arrived on Sat-

Interior Minister Francesco

Cossiga unexpectedly flew to

Geneva for a Sunday meeting

with interior ministers from

West Germany, Austria and

On his return, he immedia-tely conferred with Premier Giulio Andreotti and his top

aides, including the ministers

The prosecutor-general and the chief of the political police

spent more than an hour with-

out explanation talking to Signora Eleonora Moro, who wro-

te an emotional open letter to

Signora Moro was also visi-

ted for an hour by Cardinal Ugo Poletti, the Vicar of Rome,

who this morning talked to Po-

pe Paul apparently about the

But all the signs here indi-

cated that the release of Signor

Moro from the so-called "peo-

ple's jail" where he is being

held hinged on contacts with the urban guerrillas in which

the government made no overt

her husband last Friday.

of defence and finance.

There were no clear signs of

and very dramatic".

their investigations.

release.

urday.

case.

Switzerland.

Officials declined comment

mand for reparations from West Germany for gypsies ex-terminated by the Nazis and a proposal to appoint a coordinating committee to Di gypsies' case at the United

Gypsies are believed to be of Indian origin and are thought to have left their homeland during invasions more than five centuries ago.

OORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF 3 1978 by Chicago Tribune

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH A 643 ♥ A 87 ◇ A 643 **+**85

WEST EAST **♣**Q18 **10752** ♥K632 **♦** 1975 ♦ 10 +KJ10974

SOUTH ♥K9 ♥QJ1094 **♦ KQ82** A Q

The bidding: East South West North 3 💠 Dble. Pass 4 4 Pass 4NT Pass 5 4 6 ⊘ Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of . When Trump Coup Tom-

my was at the helm, his opponents knew that they couldn't be sure of taking a trump trick until it was actually in the bank and the transaction was signed, sealed and delivered. Indeed, one day he bid a grand slam off the ace of trumps, and the defender who held it refused to double. When asked why, he explained: "You know Tommy-he

always redoubles!" Tommy brushed aside East's preempt as he blasted into slam. As soon as his partner showed a good hand with his cue-bid, Tommy

asked for aces and settled in six hearts. West can still be found sitting in a corner of the club muttering about this hand. TCT won the club opening

and ran the queen of hearts. When this held, he continued with a low trump to the eight, and East's failure to follow did not even ruffle Tommy's composure. Tommy cashed the king-queen of diamonds, and it seemed that the bad break here as well spelled the death knell of the contract. The kibitzers began to walk away from Tommy's table, but he proved them all wrong.

After taking the king-ace of spades and ruffing a spade, Tominy cashed his remaining club honor. Then he crossed to the ace of diamonds and led dummy's remaining spade, discarding his diamond loser.

West could not ruff the fourth spade without giving up his trump trick, so he also discarded a diamond and East was saddled with the lead. He was obliged to lead a club and Tommy, down to nothing but the J-10 of trumps, ruffed. Poor West found that his K-6 of hearts was utterly worthless! If he played the king,

dummy would overruff with the ace and declarer's remaining trump would win the last trick. If West underruffed, declarer would sluff dummy's remaining diamond and the ace of trumps on the table would win the last trick. Either way, the slam was home.

March Marc ROME, April 10 (R) - After a weekend fraught with acti-

Brezhnev ends Far East, Siberian tour

MOSCOW, April 10 (R). - President Leonid Brezhnev returned to Moscow yesterday after reviewing Soviet defences on the troubled border with China and delivering pep-talks to local industrial chiefs in Siberia and the Soviet Far East. Mr. Brezhnev's 13-day tour by train, his first extended trip inside the Soviet Union, took him 8,000 kms. across the continent to the Pacific port of Vladivostok, from where he flew home.

Carter's popularity in U.S. stays same

WASHINGTON, April 10 (R). - President Carter's popularity with Americans remains steady with 50 per cent saying he is doing a good job, according to a Gallup Poll published yesterday. The figure has remained the same in polls during the last two months. The latest survey of more than 4.500 people showed that 35 per cent did not approve of the way Mr. Carter was handling his job and 15 per cent had no opinion. Mr. Carter's rating was virtually the same with people in all income

Malloum, Qadhafi meet over Chad war

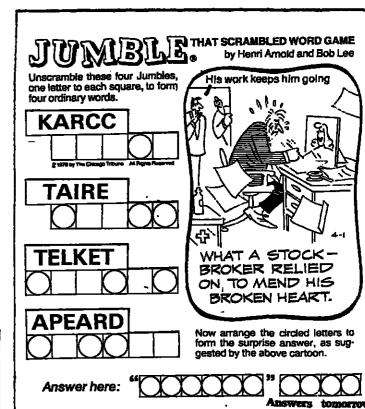
TRIPOLI, April 10 (R). — Libyan leader Muammar Al Qedhafi and President Felix Malloum of Chad held talks yesterday on efforts to end a 12-year guerrilla war in Chad, the official Libyan Jamahiriyah news agency said Col. Qadhafi and three neighbouring African leaders met President Malloum last February to hammer out a peace plan. President Malloum, who earlier this year broke off diplomatic links with the Libyan Jamahiriyah accusing Tripoli of aiding the Chad rebels, thanked Col. Qadhafi after the talks for his efforts to reunite Chad, the agency said

Kuwait to issue forgery-proof passports

KUWAIT, April 10 (R). — The Kuwait Ministry of Interior yesterday announced that all Kuwaiti passports are to be replaced by forgery-proof documents within six months. A statement said the issue of the new passport would start immediately and that all existing ones would become invalid from Oct. 15. The government had announced earlier that passports would be replaced after one of two men accused of killing Egyptian writer Youssef Sibai in Nicosia two months ago was found to be carrying a forged Kuwaiti passport.

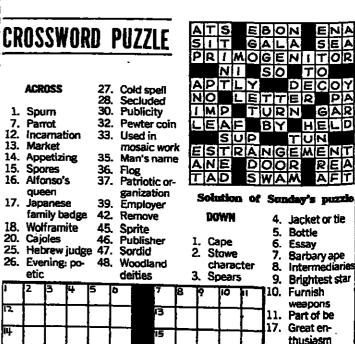
Israeli to resume UNESCO payments

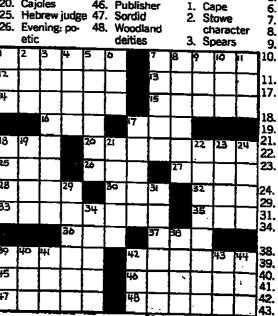
OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 10 (R). — Israel yesterday decided to resume payments to the annual budget of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, an official cabinet communique announced. Israel suspended payments, more than three years ago after the international body adopted an anti-Israel resolution which barred it from the activities of UNESCO's European regional group. The action followed allegations that Israel carried out archaeological work altering historical features of Jerusalem. Israel's decision to pay its debts to UNESCO, amounting to \$373,000, was taken at yesterday's weekly cabinet session.



What it was for dad when Junior started taking trumpet lessons—A GREAT BLOW

Jumbles: PAPER GLORY LEEWAY BRUTAL





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French article

Rocky peak

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